

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: June 29, 1954

SUBJECT:

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador Michael J. McDermott, San Salvador
Assistant Secretary Holland

COPIES TO: The Secretary
General Smith
Mr. Murphy

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On the morning of June 29, I telephoned Ambassador McDermott in El Salvador and made the following statements.

I reported the proposal of Ambassador Peurifoy that a meeting be held in Salvador between the opposing Guatemalan forces and explained to him the changes in the Government there. I urged that he immediately see the President and arrange for the President to cable his Ambassador in Guatemala instructing him:

1. To support the proposed meeting in El Salvador and cooperate with our Ambassador in making arrangements for it.
2. To accompany the delegation to El Salvador, he not to participate in the conferences, but to lend dignity and stability to the occasion.

Ambassador McDermott said that he would telephone me as soon as he had talked to the President.

At 1:45 p.m. Ambassador McDermott returned my call, said that he had talked to President Osorio who was in full agreement and was telephoning his Ambassador in Guatemala extending the invitation that the meeting be held in El Salvador and instructing his Ambassador to cooperate in every way with Peurifoy.

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